

RAF Batters Berlin With 4-Ton Bombs

Reich Capital Hammered For Half Hour in Cascade Raid

The bridgehead of bombs which must precede the Allied invasion of the Continent has reached Berlin.

In what the Air Ministry described as the heaviest raid yet on the German capital, RAF four-engined bombers poured tons of bombs across Berlin Monday night and left fires visible 200 miles away.

Dumping incendiaries and high explosives—among them 8,000- and 4,000-pound block busters—on the heart of the Reich, the raiders finished their job and were on the way home in half an hour. From the Berlin attack, missions to western Germany and mine-laying, the Ministry reported, 19 bombers are missing.

It was the year's fifth attack on Berlin (in 1942 the German capital was not raided at all), and observers last night pointed to it as the high-water mark thus far of 1943's Allied air offensive which presumably is calculated to blast open the way for invasion.

Perfect Raid Weather

Returning bomber crews of the big Halifaxes, Stirlings and Lancasters described perfect bombing visibility, with all of Berlin's landmarks clear below them.

Brig. Gen. L. H. Hedrick, Judge-Advocate-General of the U.S. Army in the European Theater of Operations, attended the interrogation of the crews at a Stirling bomber station.

"I saw the crews come in with great enthusiasm," he said. "Without having heard each other's stories, they gave their accounts as independent witnesses. I certainly gathered the opinion that it was a great raid. I was impressed, and I believe Hitler is even more impressed."

From Germany, itself, and from neutral sources in Stockholm came admissions of casualties amounting to 89 dead and likely to go higher. Germany claimed residential quarters, churches and hospitals were hit, but despatches from Sweden quoted inferences from Berlin correspondents of Swedish newspapers that there had been extensive military damage.

Ack-Ack Defense Weaker

There were indications that Berlin's anti-aircraft defenses have been weakened; fliers reported flak was heavy around the city's perimeter, but considerably weaker above the city than from other German defense points.

Great clouds of smoke were reported rolling up from the numerous fires as the last RAF planes left the scene.

That at least some of the raiders pinpointed the very heart of Berlin was admitted by the Nazis who claimed St. Hedwig's Catholic church was struck by a bomb. The church is at the end of the Behrenstrasse, surrounded by the government buildings of central Berlin.

The first of the bombing force reached Berlin just after 10 o'clock, and had to fight their way home through what was described as heavy German night-fighter opposition.

It was the second time this year the RAF had gratuitously helped Germany celebrate state occasions. The last time, Mosquitoes went twice in daylight to disturb the Nazi party's own anniversary. Monday night was the climax of Luftwaffe Day, in which Hermann Goering promised dire deeds by his air force this year. It was the war's 58th attack on Berlin.

300-400 U-Boats In Action—Knox

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2 (AP)—Germany has between 300 and 400 submarines engaged in raiding United Nations communications in the North Atlantic, Navy Secretary Frank Knox estimated today.

He said that "some of the stalls in which they are kept are heavily protected," but added he was sure that bomb raids along the coast of Northern France "are effective."

"They certainly are doing some damage—if nothing more than disrupting the life of the community," Col. Knox said.

He added that he could not tell just how effective the attacks were nor how effective in direct hits they had been.

Col. Knox said there had been no evidence of an increase in U-Boat force in the Atlantic and that the situation there had been "pretty stable lately."

Made 58th Air Raid on Berlin



Planet Photo

Back safely after the 58th RAF raid on Berlin, the crew of the bomber "Zebra" talk over the events of the attack that crashed 8,000 and 4,000 pound bombs on the German capital in a 30-minute raid, leaving fires that could be seen 200 miles away.

Allied Air Blows Described As 'Terror Raids' by Nazis

The German radio and dispatches from Germany to neutral papers painted a picture yesterday of the havoc wrought in Berlin, Cologne and Wilhelmshaven by American and British air raids of the last five days and nights.

Admissions from Berlin, and stories passed through the German censorship to Stockholm, described "pale and trembling people" emerging from shelters at Wilhelmshaven after having spent the whole night there. "The whole town," a story in the Stockholm newspaper *Allehand* said, "was without gas, electricity or water. That has been the situation for weeks past."

In Cologne, people are "practically living in their suit-cases in the air-raid cellars," an official German broadcast said.

German sources played down the Berlin raids of Monday night, attempting to convince German civilians that little military damage was caused by the 30-minute raid, in which huge 8,000-pound "block-buster" bombs were dropped.

Concentrating on claims of successful defense, Berlin radio said 16 attacking bombers had been shot down.

"Bombs," said the German official radio-mouthpiece, "were dropped mainly at random on the Berlin city area. The fire and ARP services, supported by the determined assistance of the population, brought the fires under control."

The German announcer described the attack as "apparently planned to be a concentric one," and said it failed "owing to the plucky action of German night fighters and the well-directed fire of countless anti-aircraft batteries." Berlin admitted 89 dead and said the casualty list was growing.

What appeared to be an attempt to scare off future attacks was made in a threat to bomb New York, Boston and other East Coast American cities.

In Washington, James Landis, Director of Civilian Defense, said the bomb threat might be the result of Hitler's desire to show the German people pictures of damaged American cities. He urged Civil Defense Volunteers to be ready.

The Allies, Gen. Arnold said, "must make provision for wide-scale bombing of Japan itself, bombing to insure the total destruction of this enemy on his home soil."

Col. Knox pledged "utter destruction of the Japanese fleet before the war is over," and added: "We probably will impose terms that Japan shall not have a fleet when the war is ended. She has shown that she is not qualified to have one."

"Responsibility for the safety of the Pacific against aggression will be in a large part ours. We will have to be in a position to bring adequate naval and air strength in any theater where there is a threat to the peace of the Pacific."

The Navy Secretary was testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Gen. Arnold spoke in New York at a reception for Mme. Chiang Kai-shek. Gen. Arnold said "our fliers are getting through to China in ever-increasing numbers and with increasing loads."

"American fliers operating from the Aleutians—in the Solomons—over New Guinea and New Britain and out of China and India have recently cramped the style of the Jap airmen," he went on.

20,000 Nazis Reported On Spanish Frontier

Morocco radio, quoting a Geneva despatch, reported yesterday that the Germans had sent a strong contingent of troops, reinforced by Gestapo men, into the Pyrenees on the Spanish frontier. The report said some 20,000 men would be stationed in a zone some 60 miles deep. The aim of this move was to cut France completely off from Spain as she had already been cut off from Switzerland, the radio said.

Allies Take Offensive On Tunisian Fronts; Rommel Is Repulsed

Seized Letters Show Germany War-Weary

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Mar. 2 (UP)—Letters from Germany taken from soldiers captured in Tunisia disclosed that both the soldiers and their families are afraid of the Russian front. Many volunteered for African service to avoid being sent to Russia, they showed.

Letters from Germany showed that the people have a strong desire for peace. One woman, who had lost two sons, called peace impossible with Hitler in power. Many soldiers in Tunisia were wounded in Russia.

One letter from a girl in the German Women's Auxiliary Air Force said that some of the girls were being sent to Italy, Russia, Rumania, Greece and other occupied countries.

Three Towns Nazis Took Are Again In Allied Hands

By the United Press

Allied troops on the central front in Tunisia are on the offensive again, and are now less than 30 miles from Faid Pass, where the Axis thrust westward began a little over two weeks ago.

On the northern front the Axis attacks have lost their punch and yesterday were all beaten back with heavy losses for the enemy. Over 200 enemy troops were killed in one attack which the First Army beat back along the Mateur-Beja road, the only sector where the series of attacks looked like becoming serious.

Allied planes keeping up their offensive against the Axis on both sides of the Mediterranean—and on the ocean as well—have raided Naples, Palermo and other parts of Sicily and Bizerta and other parts of Axis-occupied Tunisia.

There has been nothing to report from the Eighth Army front beyond intensified patrol activity and more air attacks on the Mareth line by Allied planes.

Nazis Move Back

There seems little doubt now that the Germans are moving back to the Gafsa-Faid-Pichon line in central Tunisia.

Kasserine, the railway town just east of the pass, through which the 21st panzer division tried to thrust to Tebessa and Thala, is now definitely in Allied hands.

Sbeitla, the next railway station further northeast on the line to Sousse, was occupied by our troops yesterday. Allied forces are now more than three miles east of Sbeitla, leaving less than 30 miles to be covered before Faid Pass is reached.

Below Kasserine, our forces have sent their patrols forward into Feriana, indicating the Axis has already evacuated this town as well.

Four attacks were launched yesterday in the northern sector, but the momentum of the series of attacks which began on this front Friday has now died down.

500 Troops Killed

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Mar. 2 (AP)—Allied troops hurled back all Von Arnim's attacks on the north Tunisian front, knocking out 24 Nazi tanks, including a Mark Six (Tiger), in three days and killing at least 500 Axis troops.

In one of their most successful days in the air during the campaign, Allied air forces shot down 25 Axis planes.

The Germans made two more attacks in the Beja region, but were driven back after losing six tanks in one action. During the previous three days the Allies knocked out 18 tanks in addition to yesterday's toll.

The First Army struck out with a counter-attack northeast from El Aroussa, killing at least 300 Axis troops and wiping out some machine-gun posts.

Front-line reports estimated that another 300 Germans had been killed in the Medjez El Bab-Goubellat fighting.

Besides their main thrust towards Beja, in which the Germans advanced to a point about seven miles from the town itself before being hurled back, the enemy launched an infantry attack at Touka-el, about six miles northwest of Medjez El Bab. This attack was also beaten back.

Meanwhile, the Allied troops advancing on Rommel's trail entered Sbeitla, Kasserine and Feriana. The occupation of the three towns was made without fighting, according to field reports.

Both RAF and American planes struck (Continued on page 4)

Italians Quit Russian Front 'To Get Rest'

Nazi 16th Army Routed By Timoshenko Near Lake Ilmen

The Italian Eighth Army has been withdrawn from the Russian front and is back in Italy to rest and have its ranks refilled, Berlin radio said last night, broadcasting an order of the day by Mussolini.

The announcer's words were: "On the occasion of the return of Italian troop formations from the eastern front to rest and have their ranks refilled, Mussolini today issued the following order of the day to the Italian Eighth Army."

The announcer then read the order of the day.

"In the hard fighting side by side with the Germans and allied on the Russian front, you have given innumerable and decisive proofs of your stubbornness and courage," the order said.

"You have fought up to the limits of your ability against the numerically superior forces of the enemy and drenched your flag with blood." The order then praised the work of specific divisions on the Russian front.

The order said "the aim was—and is—to defend the 1,000-year-old European culture against the Muscovite barbarism."

Nazis Routed at Lake Ilmen

MOSCOW, Mar. 2 (UP)—Marshal Timoshenko, attacking on a 150-mile front between Lake Ilmen and the Valdai Hills, has broken through the fortifications of the Demiansk bastion and forced the German 16th Army to make a rapid retreat to the west to avoid encirclement.

Timoshenko's forces are maintaining contact with the enemy, who, after losing 8,000 killed and 3,000 prisoners in an eight-day battle, have abandoned their permanent defenses and are retreating across open country.

The fortified area which the Germans called the "Fortress of Demiansk" was, in effect, the link between the enemy forces on the Leningrad and central fronts. It formed an arc extending from the shores (Continued on page 4)

Nazi Blockade Runner Caught By Liberator, Sunk by Cruiser

With a U.S. Air Force Liberator acting as a spotter, the British cruiser *Sussex* raced 500 miles to a point off Cape Finisterre last Friday night and shelled a fully laden Axis oil tanker to the bottom.

The blockade runner was spotted by 1st Lt. Wayne S. Jones, of Apple Creek, Ohio, and Bernard E. Benson, of Superior, Wis., pilot and navigator respectively of the Lib, which was operating with the RAAF Coastal Command.

Other members of the crew were 2nd Lt. James E. Anderson, Austin, Tex.; T/Sgt. Phillip W. Cook Jr., Westfield, N.J.; T/Sgt. Thomas A. McGinnis, Glenburnie, Md.; T/Sgt. James E. Sparks, Hanford, Cal.; S/Sgt. James T. Hickie,

Waltham, Mass.; S/Sgt. James P. Corrigan, Freeland, Pa.; S/Sgt. W. T. Orender, Burdine, Ky.; and S/Sgt. Ed. E. Layne, Ironton, Ohio.

As soon as they identified the ship as an enemy vessel they reported her position. The ship zig-zagged, with the Lib close on her tail.

Meanwhile, the 10,000-ton *Sussex* was racing to the scene. When she arrived she opened fire, landing salvo after salvo of shells aboard the supply ship, which burst into flame from stem to stern.

A British-manned Flying Fortress appeared on the scene, but found the job completed.

'Work or Fight' Measures Drafted Against Strikers

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2 (AP)—Investigation of the entire field of American labor relations was projected in Congress today as House and Senate committees drove ahead with "work or fight" legislation and other labor measures.

Rep. Robert Ramspeck (Dem., Ga.) predicted that the House Labor Committee would order a general labor study next week.

Sen. Harry F. Byrd (Dem., Va.) introduced a bill authorizing draft boards to order striking war workers to go back to work or be inducted into the armed forces.

The Red Cross Lends a Hand

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Round-the-Clock

"Royal Air Force bombers dropped 8,000-lb. and 4,000-lb. bombs on Berlin last night in an attack which was described by the Air Ministry as the heaviest yet made on Hitler's capital."

This glaring headline tells the story of the recent raid on Berlin. This attack on the Nazi capital makes good reading for we have waited a long time to see it in print.

Back of this news, however, is the important story. It indicates increasing Allied Air Power and weakening Axis defense.

For the past 125 hours, Allied airmen have been putting down one of the heaviest rains of mass destruction ever delivered. These air attacks directed against the Axis have been well conceived. Their aim is to further soften the Axis will to resist by definitely smashing his means of resistance.

Round-the-clock bombing promised by our leaders is now an established fact. Bad weather will at times slow or even stop these attacks on Germany and German-occupied territory; but the Axis powers from now on can only look forward to increased destruction from the air. Allied air superiority is now so great that we can expect a regular schedule of American raids by day and British raids by night.

4,403 More Ships

Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission, has told the House of Representatives appropriations sub-committee that it is proposed to extend the American 1943 contract program by an additional 2,161 ships, bringing the grand total contracted for to 4,403.

The total tonnage of the additional 2,161 ships will be more than 21 million, and the tonnage of the entire projected program will be approximately 44 million.

Admiral Land outlined the program in making a three-fold appropriation request from the committee which included a 5,250,000,000-dollar contract authorization and appropriation of 4,000,000,000 dollars to cover costs of the program now in progress; and authority to increase administrative expenses by 4,688,266 dollars.

To beat Germany and Japan to their knees we will need ships and more ships. Approval of Admiral Land's requests will insure their construction. We will all pay part of this bill, and it's a huge one. Start today; by increasing your allotment earmarked for War Bonds and War Savings Stamps. See your unit bond officer for full details.

A Good Answer

Senator Theodore Francis Green, of Rhode Island, broadcasting recently to America on the size of the American forces, gave these figures of the mobilization made by the powers: Germany 12 per cent, Britain ten per cent, America (planned only) eight per cent. He was attacking citizens who argue for a reduction in the call-up for the American Army.

Senator Green said the size of the U.S. Army is a fundamental factor governing all the strategic decisions of the war. The authority for making these decisions has properly been placed upon the joint chiefs of staff of the U.S. Army and Navy, General Marshall and General Arnold, Admiral Leahy and Admiral King, because of their professional ability and their background of training and experience. These distinguished military and naval leaders have planned an armed force for 1943 and 1944 of approximately 11,000,000, which includes an army of approximately 8,000,000.

This basic and vital decision as to the size of the army was reached by the reasoned judgment of our best military and naval leaders after years of exhaustive research and detailed consideration of the best information regarding strategy, available shipping, training, time, production possibilities and power.

It is a program designed to insure victory in the shortest possible period of time. If we sacrifice so much as one essential we will prolong the war. The program means additional sacrifices now; but eliminates the need for additional and unnecessary bloodshed in the years to come. We believe America will quickly approve the decision to build a force capable of decisively defeating our Axis enemies.

Hush Marks

Who make the best drivers—men or women?—is an age-old question. Here's one answer: when the first woman bus driver was assigned in Pittsburgh, women passengers refused to ride the coach.

Gas rationing has failed to dim the night life for at least one couple back in the States. The couple was seen to



emerge from a nightspot—and the lady asked her escort for her "walking shoes." He took them from his pocket, exchanged them for her dancing slippers and they started a three-mile hike toward home.

"Must" and "must not" orders have reached the worrying stage for Britain's food traders. Each time a grocer serves a customer or a cafe serves a meal there's a chance of breaking one or more of 8,198 food rules already published. There are 65 orders relating to the sale of eggs alone, and to top it off, rules aren't given away; they cost anywhere from 1 to 3 cents, and dealers are supposed to buy every one. Slips from the "straight and narrow" mean fines ranging from \$20 to \$400 and/or the jug.

Even rationing rules can be observed a little too closely. Trying to prevent an unnecessary trip to the hospital, to save gas, a New Jersey man didn't take his wife there until the last minute. The baby was born in the family car.

Paging Diogenes! The State treasury department of Indiana received a dollar bill from an unknown sender with the explanation that he got in the State Fair twice "for free." Didn't say how he did it, though.

Department of utter confusion: In Denver, jubilant citizens threw away their "A" cards when they received "C" cards for gas rationing. Much searching of waste baskets followed when they found they had to have both.

An aircraft worker at a Glenn Martin plant was annoyed because he had been asked to move crates in the factory from



one point to another and then asked to move them back again. So he took a hammer and nails and punctured the fuel tank of the naval plane the crate contained. Arrested, he explained, "I was told that the tanks were self-sealing, and I really didn't think the nail holes would do any harm."

J. C. W.

Clubs Make Soldiers At Home All Over The World

By Philip Bucknell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

On a cold, blacked-out January night in Northern Ireland, a year ago, Sgt. John Thomas, just off the boat and 3,500 miles or so from home back in Pittsburgh, stumbled along the docks. He was worried; he had trouble.

In a dim light he saw a man in a Red Cross uniform.

"My wife is due to have a baby, and I'm not happy about her health," Thomas said.

"OK," said Ford MacHale, "we'll do what we can."

The Red Cross went to work—its first job for an American soldier in the European Theater of Operations during this war.

A cable to America, an inquiry, a cable to Belfast; a reassuring message from Ford MacHale, Red Cross field director, to Sgt. Thomas.

It was a little incident; but it was a dreary night on the Northern Ireland docks for a fellow who was worrying about his wife; it was one way the Red Cross could and did help.

Back home, this month, the Red Cross is staging its annual drive for funds. It is trying to raise \$125,000,000.

What happens to a big hunk of that money is the business of every American in the ETO.

Some 9,809 beds in service clubs for soldiers on leave; some 106,820 meals for American soldiers; Clubmobiles; pushing through mud and bad roads to isolated units, bring Yankee coffee and doughnuts to soldiers on lonely posts... that's where the money goes, or at least a portion of it.

The first ten members of the Red Cross in the ETO have seen the organization grow into a big thing; 6,700 workers, paid and voluntary, British and American, are here to serve the forces; 48 clubs have been set up near wherever American troops are stationed. The soldier's friend, lawyer, and provider is well at work.

With scarcely a soldier in the ETO not having benefited from some part of the service—from a loan to a night's lodging—probably Cpl. Bill Actel, of New York, puts it more succinctly than most.

Greeted With a Smile

"The best thing about the Red Cross," he says, "is the smile real American girls give you when you walk into a club."

Cpl. Actel has been a strong fan for the Red Cross since the time his mail was going a-missing and he was disturbed about his mother's health. The Hans Crescent Club cabled New York right away, got the corporal some real good news and told his mother just how her boy looked in foreign climes.

Sgt. Paul Satterfield, of Baltimore, is another rooter for the Hans Crescent. "They give you a room for one shilling and sixpence and make you feel at home," he says. "They make you feel at home and give you the things you were once used to. Boy! Those sheets."

The girls at the information desks don't specialize in sweet smiles alone. Their Sherlock Holmes Department shows a smart Pinkerton touch. Ask Cpl. Clifford Lackey. Lackey had a friend, a shipping broker, who had been imprisoned and ill-treated by the Japs. He was known to be either in or on his



This is the kind of thing that makes Red Cross clubs a place a fellow will go back to, time and again. Last summer clubs in England bought up some farmers' entire crop of sweet corn to provide a real American dish for men on leave.

way to England. Could Rainbow Corner help?

A week's shrewd sleuthing and the corporal was giving a big hello to his buddy.

Another corporal, Jim Park, of New York, had an aunt in England; had her address but could not arrange to meet her. He had never seen her and had no idea what she looked like. Auntie was in the same fix. Rainbow Corner arranged a meeting at the club, introduced the two and Park found a home in England.

Or record the words of a Middle-Westerner, Pvt. Lawrence Jackson, of Buchanan, Mich., who says the club reception is "just like old Southern hospitality."

At the Washington Club, Flight Sergeant Art Callahan, RCAF, of Buffalo, just about to don the pink pants of a flight officer in the Army Air Force, spent his last leave in Canadian blue.

"This and the old Eagle Club have been a mighty fine thing for we Americans who joined the Allied services before Pearl Harbor. They have given us a welcome sight of home and the company of our own people."

Clubs serve primarily the men on leave. The Red Cross, as a whole, is working 24 hours a day and seven days a week for the soldier at work.

The 'Fixer's' Job

With every unit of 5,000 men (often less), there is a field director who is a "fixer" for the boys. Inside of Army Regulations, his job is to smooth over the difficulties which pile up when a man is 3,000 miles from home. A soldier's folks are in trouble and write him all about it. He is a worried man, and no worried man can be a good soldier. The field director is there to take care of just that problem. Via the cable and the 3,700 chapter houses back home, inquiries are made, and, if humanly possible, the difficulties are cleared up.

A soldier's wife is going to have a baby and she cannot afford the treatment her soldier husband would have given her had he been back in "civvy street." It's a job willingly undertaken by the field director.

An enlisted man in Northern Ireland

had to be told that his mother had died. The next day, the boy's family back home heard through the Red Cross that a memorial mass was being held in Ireland and all the soldier's friends were attending.

One of the most appreciated duties performed by the field directors is the hospital visiting. Sick and injured American soldiers, whether in British or American hospitals, are called on once or twice a week by a director, who carries a bag that has an amazing capacity for cigarettes, writing paper, candy and any other thing that the average sick doughboy requires.

British Nurses Astonished

The Red Cross girls in their grey uniform visit the sick and injured. The enthusiastic welcomes the soldiers give them have been known to astonish the British nurses and matrons in the hospitals.

"Hiya, Princess, got the books I asked for?"

"Hey, toots, where's the cigarettes?"

"You telephoned my girl friend yet and told her why I couldn't keep the date?"

Those are some of the requests the girls get and fulfil.

Cpl. Norman Hendriks, of Baltimore, after a preliminary boost for the clubs at Salisbury and Edinburgh, really got worked up over the hospital service. "I was in a British hospital for two months," he said, "and a sweet woman worker came around with the newspapers and sugar. Was that sugar welcome! There was a shortage in the hospital and just that extra made plenty difference."

"Then, when I was released from hospital, I was dead broke. Hadn't been paid for two months and couldn't get back to my outfit to collect any. They gave me £2 and told me to go right out and enjoy myself. What a swell outfit!"

One story of the activities of a certain field director seems to have the right democratic touch. A general required a wreath and a private required a shaving brush. The two arrived on the same truck and the general was informed that the Red Cross was just as happy to do things for generals as for privates.

He got his wreath, and the private got his brush.



Quizz Kid Special

In my school days, I used to find
 Some subjects were a "breeze."
 And even to my one track mind
 The answers came with ease.

And most the toughest problems that
 Were mine alone to solve
 When faced with logic and with facts
 Would easily dissolve.

But in all climes, some rain must fall
 To balance sunny days.
 Some questions pass unanswered
 To go their errant ways.

Encyclopedias and tomes
 Are scanned without success.
 There are some problems that are just
 Un-An-s'able I guess.

What problems these? Well here is one
 To see if you're so wise.
 I want to know just who dreams up
 Those "so-called" Christmas ties?

And while we're on the subject, why
 Do women wear such hats,
 And why is there a North Pole,
 And why do dogs hate cats?

See what I mean? Ah, someday soon
 Some educated lout
 Will give a silly answer and
 The facts will all come out.

And when the depths of woman's mind
 Become as crystal clear
 'Twill save a lot of trouble then,
 For you and me, my dear.

Then when we've learned the answers
 We'll make our fortune, son;
 But let's forget the whole thing now
 And get this damn war won.

Captain Tedd.

If I Should Lose You

If I should lose you, sweetheart,
 And alone be doomed to tread
 The bleak and gloomy highway,
 With its flowers drooped and dead,
 I would feel one sweet emotion
 That would quicken love anew,
 It would be that God's own blessing
 Made me happy, once, with you.

If I should lose you, sweetheart,
 And the songs you sang to me
 Were but the faintest echo
 From the land of memory,
 They would cling and be my music,
 As in days when loving grew
 I would listen, and in dreaming,
 Once more, love, be with you.

If I should lose you, sweetheart,
 And the touch of tender eyes
 Be denied me in the future
 As the weary waiting slips,
 I would kiss the ring you gave me,
 Jeweled with the sparkling dew,
 And its beauty would forever
 Bring sweet thoughts to me of you.

S/Sgt. Robert G. Goode.



"They say a razor blade has just come in!"

Modern Boxers Aren't Trained Like Oldtimers

Abe Attell, Veteran of 300 Fights, Would Like to Show 'Em How

NEW YORK, Mar. 1—Abe Attell, former champion featherweight, who fought over 300 fights between 1900 and 1915, runs a bar along Broadway in the mid-Fifties. Without much coaxing, Abe will regale any patron with opinions on the modern school of ringmen.

Abe, unmarked and alert, belongs to the train 'em rough school. He says, "Maybe the fighters today are just as good as in my day—maybe. If they aren't, it's their training that's wrong. Nowadays they seem to quit before you can say Jack Robinson. A couple of bops on the chin and they have had enough for the night. Or else the referee jumps between them like he was saving children.

They Eat Too Much

"In my day we fought. Listen, there was never any thought of halting the fight. I always had an understanding that only I could call off the fight, never the ref. I broke my arm against a fellow once. That happened in the third round and I went the other 12 with one hand. The only thing I asked was that the ref break us, when he had to, on my good side so he wouldn't hurt the broken arm while grabbing it in separating us.

"And another thing. They eat too much before fights now. I see 'em loading up on steak and potatoes during the afternoon before the fight. They get in the ring all bloated like. Me, I used to take a little piece of chicken or a little beef broth. I'd go in there hungry. All of us did. It made us fight better."

Abe insists that modern fighters have been pampered by so-called scientific trainers who give lots of exercises without really toughening them up. He'd like to train one of them like he used to train. So far no one has taken him up.

Big Six Conference Crown Goes to Kansas Jayhawks

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Mar. 2—The Kansas Jayhawks clinched the Big Six basketball championship by beating Nebraska and Oklahoma last week for their eighth straight victory against no defeats.

The Hawks can lose both their remaining games and still win. That's lucky since eight members of the team are reporting for induction at Fort Leavenworth on Mar. 6.

Ask Sanctuary for Jews

NEW YORK, Mar. 2—Church leaders, educators, statesmen and labor leaders, speaking at a huge "Stop Hitler" rally here, joined today in calling on the United Nations to give sanctuary now and after the war to Jews and all other victims of Axis atrocities. An estimated 21,000 persons attended the meeting. Thousands more listened to loudspeakers in the streets outside.

NEWS FROM HOME

Navy Planned in '41 to Take Martinique, Congress Is Told

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2 (UP)—"Two months prior to Pearl Harbor, the Navy decided to take over Martinique," Rep. James Morrison said in a speech to the House today.

"I am informed," he went on, "that they went so far as to place Marines on ships for the occupation, and it is my understanding that it would have been occupied but for the State Department, which turned its thumbs down."

Morrison asserted that Adm. Robert French Naval Commander at Martinique, had refused to hand over the aircraft-carrier Bearn, oil tankers, two big merchant ships and other vessels to the Allies. French merchant seamen, he said, were holding up the sailing of a ship from New Orleans carrying supplies to Martinique because they refused to carry more food for the Vichy supporters there.

Hoover Stresses Food

CHICAGO, Mar. 2—Ex-President Herbert Hoover called the production of an adequate food supply the "nation's No. 1 problem for 1943" in a statement issued here. Said Hoover:

"We have been cut off by submarines and the Japs from our normal large imports of food. Our larder is thus depleted. We must supply Britain and Russia, and extra food is required by our armed forces if we are to win the war."

House favors more Lend-Lease

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2 (AP)—The House Foreign Affairs Committee has unanimously approved a measure extending for one year the Lease-Lend Act. The committee approved continuation of the Act to July, 1944.

Food Conference Likely

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2 (AP)—President Roosevelt has disclosed that consideration was being given to holding a meeting of representatives of the United Nations to take up the ques-

Lippy Stays, Flatbush is Happy



Associated Press Photo

After passing his pre-induction physical exam in St. Louis, which he is shown taking here, Leo "Lippy" Durocher yesterday was rejected by the Army because of an ear ailment, which, Leo said, he suffered while playing for the Yankees in the early '30s.

Illinois Takes Big Ten Crown

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Mar. 2—Illinois crushed Chicago, 92—25, here yesterday to win the Big Ten basketball crown for the second straight year, shattering all conference scoring records.

Andy Phillip, sensational forward, netted 40 points on 16 baskets and eight free throws for the highest individual total of any conference game. Andy's season total is now 255 points in 12 conference contests—a nearly incredible average of 21 points a game—surpassing Johnny Kotz's mark set last in 15 games.

The team total of 92 points smashed Illinois' own record of 86 points set last week against Northwestern.

In that game Phillip dropped only 16 points since he concentrated on feeding his team mates, Ken Menke and Art Mathisen. The shoe was on the other foot last night. The Illini were determined that Phillip smash Kotz's record and tossed the ball to him at every opportunity. Andy sometimes tossed back, but took enough shots to establish one of the greatest per game scoring records ever made.

Tommy Farr, Corcoran At Mostyn Club Tonight

Tommy Farr will be a special guest at Fred Corcoran's sports quiz caravan which stops at the Mostyn Club tonight. Movies of Farr's fights will be shown, after which Corcoran will hold his quiz with cigarettes for the winners.

Rusty Lane, who played football with Red Grange, will also be on tap. The show starts at 7.30 and there are no reserved seats—so come early with your memory in good working shape.

Basketball Standings

New England (Final)					
	W	L	W		
Rhode Island	7	1	Maine	4	4
State	5	3	New Hampshire	2	6
Connecticut	5	3	Northeastern	2	6

Southwest					
	W	L	W		
Rice	9	3	Texas Aggies	4	7
Texas	8	3	Southern	3	9
Arkansas	8	4	Methodist	4	8
Texas Christian	5	7	Baylor	3	9

Pacific Coast					
Northern Division					
	W	L	W		
Washington	10	4	Washington State	7	7
Oregon	10	6	Idaho	11	3
Oregon State	8	6			

Southern Division					
	W	L	W		
South. California	6	0	Stanford	1	4
UCLA	2	2	California	1	4

Hunting, Fishing Program Started for Ulster Sailors

LONDONDERRY, N.I., Mar. 2—Hunting and fishing is very much a part of the sports program at the U.S. Naval Base here, even though there is only a limited amount of equipment available.

Only three guns are on hand for hunting, but as many as six men can go out on a party if they take turns shooting at the game. The season in North Ireland is now open for pheasant, partridge, snipe and duck. The Navy has secured shooting rights on various lands.

Twelve fishing rods are on the way from the States, and when they arrive a dozen to two dozen anglers can have a chance at their favorite pastime. Fly tying equipment is also scheduled to be on the way, so the fishermen can make their own lures. Permission has been granted the Navy the use of several streams which offer such prize catches as salmon, brown trout and sea trout.

Reds Buy Pitcher Bobeck

CINCINNATI, Mar. 2—The Cincinnati Reds have purchased Pitcher Leon Bobeck, 25, from Birmingham, in the Southern Association.

Supply, Repair Fives in Front

By Wade Barton

Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent
AN AIR DEPOT STATION, Mar. 2—The first game of a three-game basketball card at this station resulted in an upset as Pfc Hubert Christian, of Tupelo, Miss., paced Team E, Repair, to a 38—32 victory over Team B, Repair, with 24 points. Sgt. Fred Ellerback, of Neola, Iowa, and Sgt. Glenn Gross, of Morgantown, W. Va., countered with some nice shooting, but were never able to overcome the lead of the winners.

In another upset, Team D, Supply, whipped the previously unbeaten Team G, Repair, 20—16. Pvt. Bill Scott, of Dayton, Ohio, led the scoring with eight points, while Pfc Stephen Grant, also of Dayton, gave the fans a treat with his excellent floor work for the losers.

The third game did not have a score until the last ten seconds of the quarter when Pfc Carl Denton, of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, counted from under the basket as Team F, Repair, went on to whip Team D, Headquarters, 30—12. The losers failed to score for the entire first half as the Repair boys presented a tight defense.

The box scores:

Team E, Repair	G	F	P
Hollerper, f	2	0	4
Evilsizer, f	2	1	5
Christians, c	12	0	24
Creech, g	1	0	2
Komisarz, g	0	1	1
Wilkinson, g	0	1	1
Totals	18	2	38

Team D, Supply	G	F	P
Jones, f	2	0	4
Schaefer, f	3	0	6
Mitto, c	1	0	2
Scott, g	4	0	8
Ward, g	0	0	0
Linn, f	0	0	0
Totals	10	0	20

Team F, Repair	G	F	P
Stroh, f	5	0	10
Denton, f	3	0	6
Campbell, c	2	0	4
Hull, g	4	0	8
Needham, g	0	2	2
Totals	14	2	30

Team B, Repair	G	F	P
Ellerback, f	3	1	7
Ellerbee, f	3	0	6
Cummings, c	2	0	4
Faszold, g	3	0	6
Gross, g	4	1	9
Totals	15	2	32

Team G, Repair	G	F	P
Jadwin, f	3	0	6
Grant, f	2	1	5
Sorensen, c	1	0	2
Mulhern, f	0	1	1
Magers, g	1	0	2
Totals	7	2	16

Team D, Hdqts	G	F	P
Neilson, f	0	0	0
Pomzask, f	3	0	6
Walters, c	2	0	4
Gutridge, g	1	0	2
Carver, g	0	0	0
Totals	6	0	12

Basketball Results

Illinois 92, Chicago 25.
Wheaton 54, Illinois Tech 39.
Purdue 41, Indiana 38.
Kansas State 43, Iowa State 36.
Minnesota 48, Wisconsin 34.
Ohio State 53, Iowa 46.
Oklahoma 65, Nebraska 48.
Loyola (Chicago) 52, Detroit 33.

Maple Leafs Regain Third

MONTREAL, Mar. 2—The Toronto Maple Leafs regained a third-place tie with the Chicago Black Hawks by whipping the Montreal Canadiens, 4—2.

Hoosier Stops Frank Missella For First Time

McCormick Beaten By Rhode Islander In Three Rounds

Two undefeated favorites tasted defeat for the first time last night in the ninth of the weekly Stars and Stripes fight card held at the American Red Cross Rainbow Corner.

In the feature bout of the evening Pvt. Frank Missella, of Cleveland, 136, was stopped for the first time in five fights by Pvt. James Yonkers, former States Golden Gloves champion from Elkhart, champion.

Missella was never able to use his favorite left uppercut and Yonkers pounded him with hard rights to the face all through the three rounds. Showing good footwork all the way through, Missella refused to be trapped in the corners but this wasn't enough to stop the Hoosier from crashing hard lefts to Missella's head and stomach at long range.

Pvt. Glen McCormick, Richmond, Mo., (160) also unbeaten in his two previous appearances at the club, found the low-charging style of Pvt. William Ciffo, of Woonsocket, R.I., (160) puzzling through three rounds. Ciffo continually rocked McCormick with hard rights to the face, while his leading left found its mark on McCormick's head. Ciffo kept boring in to come up with hard left jabs to the face, followed by smashing rights. Not until the third round was McCormick able to land anything potent, then coming up with two hard uppercuts which jarred Ciffo. They weren't enough to turn the tide.

Beside the regular bouts scheduled for the evening, two semi-finals of the Eighth Air Force Tournament were staged, one of them going to a draw, the other to the representative of Service Command, Cpl. Mickey Cianci, of Philadelphia, (145).

Clever lefty Mickey, won in as fancy an exhibition of glove handling the corner has seen yet, with Pfc Paul Bunten of Bridgeport, Ind., (145) Fighter Command entry hardly laying a hand on the former Hollywood athletic instructor.

In a slam bang battle that went the three round limit Pvt. Syd Bailey of Anaconda, Montana, (150) cuffed out a decision over Pvt. Frank Menard, of Cleveland, (150) in the third bout.

Two-time winner Pfc Edward La Borde of Gretna, La., (114) outpointed Frank Barbieri of Philadelphia, (112) in the opening bout of the evening. It was the second meeting of the two, LaBorde having taken the first fight two weeks ago.

In the second air force bout Sgt. Laurence Eskelson, of Vasser, Mich. (146), drew with Cpl. Glenn Jones, of Jonesboro, Ark. (142), in a fight that was almost a repetition of their previous meeting. Each swung freely, battering through with lefts and rights that might have done more damage if they hadn't been so evenly distributed.

The third air force semi-final between Sgt. Charles Sanza, Philadelphia, of Command, and Pfc Lewis Sharp, of Lewiston, Mont., of Fighter Command, was cancelled when Sharp suffered a pre-fight injury to his ear.

Godoy Coming to U.S.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Mar. 2—Arturo Godoy, who retained his South American heavyweight championship here Sunday by outpointing Alberto Lovell in 12 rounds, is going to fly to the U.S. soon to fight. Godoy met Joe Louis twice. He lost a 15-round decision in the first meeting and was knocked out in the eighth round in the other.

Deb Garms Goes to Cards

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 2—The St. Louis Cardinals have added Deb Garms, outfielder and infielder, to their '43 roster. Garms, 34, a veteran of the National and the American Leagues, was purchased from Cardinal-owned Sacramento of the Pacific Coast League.

Fordham Buries Army, 68—42

WEST POINT, N.Y., Mar. 2—Fordham's Rams buried Army under an avalanche of baskets, 68—42, in the Cadets' last home game of the season here yesterday. Tony Karpowich led the rout with 19 points.

American Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Hershey	31	11	8	70
Buffalo	26	17	6	58
Indianapolis	25	22	4	54
Pittsburgh	24	21	5	53
Providence	24	24	2	50
Cleveland	19	26	6	44
Washington	11	30	8	30



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New Book Plan Brings Reading To U.S. Soldiers

Circulating Library Set Up By Special Service for Troop Establishments

Rotating libraries, from which a selection of 2,250 books will be available, have been designed by Special Services, London Base Command, and soon will be on trial in various ETO units.

The plan, particularly useful for big camps, may solve the U.S. soldier's reading problem.

Cabinets, four feet high by five feet wide, sturdily built and wire-grilled, are basic units in the proposed system, which keeps choice books for those interested and still allows plenty of thumbing material for casual readers.

To start the plan, all units in London Base Command pooled their books. Best books were set aside for the cabinets, each cabinet holding about 150 books. Other books were retained for general placement on day-room shelves.

Have Book One Week

The new plan, which gives each unit at least one case full of good books, provides a dependable literary backlog. To get a "best book" out, the soldier writes his name on a card, and may have the book for one week.

Each month, cabinets will be moved "down the line." Even though one man may have to quit at Chapter III, all the books move. Each unit in the scheme gives its cabinet to another outfit, and receives a new cabinet of best reading material.

The books have come from homes and small libraries both in Britain and the United States, according to Lt. W. S. Sterns, Special Services, ETO.

In the circulating cabinet libraries, most of the selected books are fiction, including Westerns and mystery stories.

Capt. Ward Walker, Special Services, ETO, is in charge of the trial program.

Mrs. Gordon Roberts, former Iowan living in London, was an American Red Cross worker interested in the problem. With other Red Cross helpers she stacked, packed and set up books for the streamlined library's trial spin.

Further information on workings of the cabinet system may, according to Lt. Sterns, be obtained "through channels" by communication with Special Services, ETOUSA.

Russians Rout Nazis in North

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of Lake Ilmen to Lake Zeligar, near the sources of the Volga in the Valdai Hills.

It was held by that same 16th Army which broke out of encirclement at Staraya Russa last winter. Since then, behind its concrete fortifications and in close contact with big German armies in its rear, it had become an even more formidable force.

After the break-through, Timoshenko's men advanced 45 miles westward from Lake Velie, occupying a roughly triangular area of 900 square miles and freeing 302 inhabited places from the invader.

In the first attack they took the town of Demiansk, 20 miles west of Lake Velie on the river Pola and 52 miles southeast of Staraya Russa. From there they pushed ahead 25 miles and occupied Kaluchie.

Other forces drove the enemy from Lichkovo, a station on the railway running east from Staraya Russa, 45 miles from that place and 22 miles north of Demiansk.

The silence which has surrounded the nature of Timoshenko's mission since last summer indicates the importance attached to the present operation. The offensive required long and careful preparation, and the troops taking part had to be specially prepared and equipped.

They struck at what was probably the most heavily fortified zone of the whole German front, with defenses which the enemy had been perfecting for 17 months.

First 'Day-Room' Show At London HQ Tonight

First of a series of weekly day-room shows in London Base Command will be held tonight at HQ company billets. The command band will play, and there will be a musical quiz program.

Future entertainments will include concerts, variety shows and a play, "Petticoat Fever," scheduled for Mar. 22.

Servicemen Will Substitute For Volunteers at Belfast

BELFAST, Mar. 2—U.S. servicemen will don aprons and take over the duties of volunteer workers at the Red Cross club here March 9, while the volunteers enjoy a dance and party.

Soldiers, sailors and marines will serve in the dining hall while others will answer questions at the information desk.

And they might even have to sew on buttons.

Manchester Club to Open

MANCHESTER, Mar. 2—A new Red Cross club for American servicemen will be opened at 36 St. Ann's St. here Friday afternoon.

ETO Deputy Chief



Associated Press Photo

Maj. Gen. Harry C. Ingles, newly appointed deputy commander of the ETO, has arrived here to succeed Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle, who is to command troops in the field.

Allies Repulse Rommel Blows

Then Take Offensive on All Tunisian Fronts; Towns Retaken

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heavy blows at German air and ground strength.

Flying Fortresses, which almost every day are creeping deeper into the heart of the Italian war effort, struck at Palermo, hitting five large merchant vessels and several other smaller ones in the harbor.

Damage also was done to warehouses and dry docks. Gunners on the Fortresses shot down seven Axis fighters without suffering any loss themselves, while the escort of Lightnings shot down one of the attacking fighters.

Marauders Win in Sky

One of the heaviest scores of enemy fighters during the campaign was made when Marauders, with Lightning escort, skimmed to within 60 feet of the ground to attack a much-bombed railroad bridge at La Hencha, near Sfax. They blew up the bridge and, in a 30-minute battle with German fighters, the American bombers shot down four Me109s and FW190s while their Lightning escort knocked another five German planes out of the air.

Flights of Hurricane bombers, escorted by Spitfires, blasted German troops in the north. Nazi tanks, trucks, gunposts and ground troops all felt the weight of the Hurricane bomber and Spitfire attack. In dog fights during the day four more German planes were shot down.

In air battles in the southern sector, over the Mareth line, Spitfires escorting bomb-carrying Kittyhawks shot down three Me109s and two Macchi 202s.

U.S. Positions Stronger

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Mar. 2 (UP)—The United States troops in particular are in a much stronger position. Moreover, they have now fought Rommel and know how.

In the battle of Kasserine Pass it was the American combat team, which rushed in at the right moment, that blunted Rommel's drive by its counter-attacks and then forced his retreat.

The situation around the towns of Kasserine, Feriana and Sbeitla is still officially described as fluid. The enemy undoubtedly still has rearguard forces or patrols in this area.

The Germans have carried out extensive demolitions at Kasserine, Feriana and elsewhere, indicating that they may have withdrawn.

British Destroyer Gets Draw In Battle of La Sola Island

Hanging in the ward-room of HMS Churchill, former American destroyer, is a vivid water-color painting entitled "The Battle of La Sola Island." If you ever go aboard the Churchill, don't ask Cmdr. P. J. Fitzgerald, RN, about the battle. He doesn't want to hear anything more about it.

From other sources, however, comes the story:

On patrol, off the Venezuela coast, the

British Gunners Braved Inferno To Halt Attacks

Casualties Nearly 100% In Point-Blank Firing By 25-Pounders

By William King

Associated Press War Correspondent

NORTHERN TUNISIAN FRONT, Mar. 1 (delayed)—Twenty-five pounder guns, which kept on firing at the charging Nazi tanks until the last guns in action were shooting point-blank at ten yards' range, burned a new chapter of heroism into the record of the Tunisian campaign.

The gun crews, who chose to stick to their stations through the inferno of the tank advance, suffered almost 100 per cent casualties, but not until they had knocked out seven tanks plus an additional two probables.

Two gun troops, part of a famous Hampshire (English) regiment who have already won glory in this campaign, emplaced just south of Sidi Nsir on the hotly contested road from Mateur to Beja, jabbed one of the main thrusts in Friday's general offensive on the central and northern fronts.

Attack at Dawn

The first attack of tanks, followed by motor-borne infantry, came at dawn. Minefields covered with intense artillery fire kept them at a distance. By noon four tanks were blazing hulks.

At great sacrifice, the Germans cleared the minefields and renewed the attack with a tank column estimated at over 30. The gunners fired steadily even as the gun emplacements were knocked out one after another. As the tanks approached the guns, even after they were out of action or in flames, the surviving fighters flung grenades and makeshift "Molotov cocktails" at them.

"When only the last gun in the row was left it was still firing. The crew fired at least four shots after the tanks were within ten yards," a Colonel related. "It was a magnificent show."

The mud-spotted, unshaven colonel stood in the shadow of a low farm building, to keep from being seen by the enemy planes which circled high overhead as he told the story.

"We held up the Germans for 12 hours, and that is not bad when you are outnumbered as we were," he said. Then he told of his own escape after the Germans encircled his position.

"I'm a safety merchant," he laughed, "so I ordered lots of wire round my headquarters. I never thought I would have to cut my way out of my own wire."

Burns Papers

Before leaving the colonel piled all his personal belongings and clothing in the middle of the room where he had lived for several weeks, then poured gasoline over the heap and set it on fire. The same thing was repeated in the operations room with all maps and important papers.

The colonel warned his rear headquarters to move out, then walked eight circuitous difficult miles to safety.

He pointed to his mud-caked battle-dress with a huge tear in the knee, and said: "This is all the clothes I have left. I haven't even a razor, but the Germans have not got them either."

Signals Outfit Celebrates Year Here With Dance

An Army Signal Corps unit celebrated its first anniversary in the British Isles with a dance and party at the English Speaking Union in London last night.

W/O Frank Rosato and his band furnished the music, and Pfc Joe Burr, Philadelphia, tenor, sang.

Committeemen for the affair were: Lt. Harold Fisher, Portsmouth, Ohio; M/Sgt. Victor J. Locatelli, East Boston, Mass.; Pfc Joe Mirabella, Chicago, and Pfc Jack Brier, Scranton, Pa.

She Totes Her Own Bag Now



Keystone Photo

She said she'd rather carry it herself, so WAAC Margaret Hartnett, of Bethesda, Md., on the way to her North Africa post, just got a boost with her barracks bag from Pvt. Jimmy Gossnell, of Knoxville, Tenn.

Egypt Exempts Jap Fleet Seen Nearing Guinea

As in Britain, They Now Are Tried by Army, Not Civil, Courts

CAIRO, Mar. 2 (AP)—The Egyptian Government has reached an agreement with the U.S. Army whereby American soldiers in Egypt will be virtually exempt from Egyptian law, and not subject to trial by Egyptian civil courts. Like the British soldiers, they will be subject to the military law of their own army and subject to court-martial by it.

The Anglo-Egyptian treaty makes special provisions similar to those now accorded the Americans to "His Britannic Majesty's forces." This phrase covers Australians, New Zealanders, and South Africans, as well as the British.

The first Americans to arrive were observers with the British Army, and in practice they were accorded the same privileges as members of other armies in Egypt. But for many months the American Army has run its own affairs, and has had the cooperation of the Egyptian Government, though no formal agreement had been made.

(The agreement is similar to the one in Britain, where American soldiers are tried by court-martial rather than in British civil courts.)

New Yorkers Will Meet At Mostyn Thursday

American servicemen from New York, on leave or stationed in London, will meet Thursday night when the American Red Cross Mostyn Club inaugurates a series of "States Night" programs.

The programs are designed to arrange reunions with soldiers from all 48 States. A special dinner at 7.15 PM and entertainment are part of the activity planned.

Northern Ireland Tour

USAAF HQ, N. Ireland, March 2—A second educational tour of Northern Ireland is being conducted this week for Air Force units. The sight-seeing trip was the suggestion of Brig. Gen. Edmund W. Hill, commanding U.S. Forces in Northern Ireland.

by Chic Young



Allied Planes to Attack When Weather Clears; Foe's Isles Bombed

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Mar. 2—Allied aircraft are waiting for bad weather to lift to attack one of the largest convoys ever thrown by the Japanese against New Guinea, numbering 14 vessels, including warships.

"The convoy is moving behind a storm front which sometimes seems to be made to order for the Japanese," said a spokesman at Allied Headquarters today.

The convoy was first picked up yesterday afternoon off Ubiuli. Subsequently, Allied reconnaissance planes shadowed it along the north side of New Britain. It was last seen west of New Britain.

Attack Harbor

An attack by a heavy Allied bomber on enemy shipping in the harbor of Wiangapoe, on the island of Soemba, west of Timor, is revealed in today's communique, which says:

"Northwestern Sector: Soemba Island, Wiangapoe: One of our heavy units bombed enemy shipping in the harbor of Wiangapoe, on the island of Soemba, west of Timor."

"Northeastern Sector: New Guinea: Alexishafen: One of our heavy units bombed the airdrome."

"Mubo Area: Our attack planes bombed and strafed trails from Guadagal to Salamaua."

"Waria River Area: Our ground patrols surprised and destroyed four large barges at the river mouth."

"Talisea: One of our reconnaissance planes reported an enemy convoy of 14 vessels off Talisea moving under cover of the advancing weather front towards the north coast of New Guinea."

"Our Air Force is preparing to attack if the weather permits."

Japs In Defense Posts

CANBERRA, Australia, Mar. 2 (UP)—Japanese concentrations in the Southwest Pacific are probably defensive, Australian Air Minister A. S. Drakeford said here today. His comment followed an announcement from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters yesterday that Japanese forces were taking up "positions of readiness."

"It has been known for some time," the Air Minister said, "that the Japs have been concentrating their forces, although the strength of these forces cannot be indicated. I think they are making a defensive arc, but they are coming to places close enough to launch an attack if that is their policy."

Charles Street Snack Bar

The American Red Cross Charles Street club plans to open a snack bar today. It will operate daily from 12 o'clock to 2.30 PM. The regular canteen will continue in service.